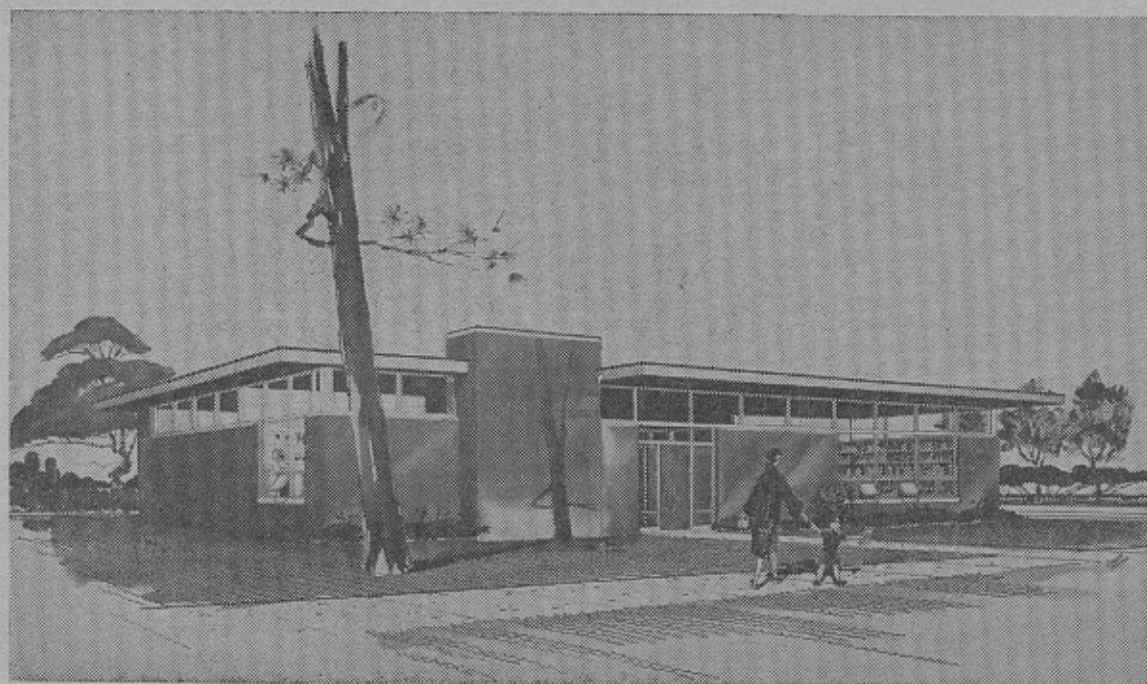


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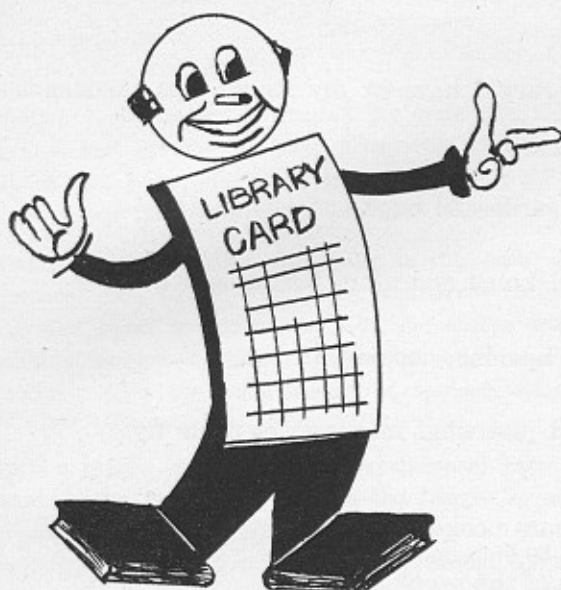
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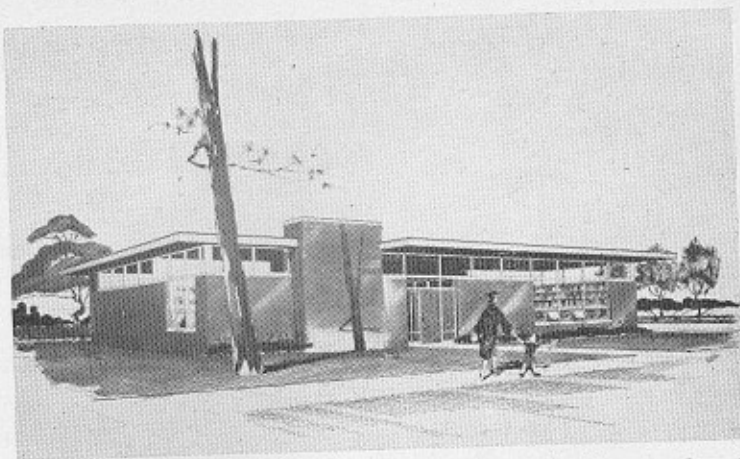
Just ask of me, and I will perform my magic for you. What do you want? I can help you to fix your car or learn ballet dancing. I can show you the science of Einstein or how to finger paint. I have all the knowledge and excitement of the world to give if you only ask.

Come with me—I will show you where my magic lies—

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# From The Desk Of....

FRED LARSON  
1488 Furness Street

AN INTERESTING - REVEALING PRESENTATION OF

## HAZEL PARK

What would a recent resident of Hazel Park really care to know about its history? History! . . . too many, too much a dry word full of statistical facts or sentimental meanderings . . . this latter, especially, the forte of "old-timers!"

Well, . . . where do we begin? No time like the present— and so here we are! A thriving territory of about 8500 souls, ever more and more rapidly filling the vacant lots with new homes and enterprises.

"Twarn't alus that thar way, folks, in this neck of the woods! Yes, woods! and farms, and grain fields, muddy-dirt roads, meadows and hills and humps and hollows all around the place! Horses, "shanks-horses" or bicycles were the main means of transportation until after 1895.

Our's is typical of any suburban expansion by home-seekers. Urban people push out to the fringes so as to live in and enjoy a breath of the country . . . then within a lifetime the city has grown up around them again! Rather ironic, but it's true that suburban dwellers tend to seek improvements which (almost before they realize it) have turned them back into the city pattern!

Humans and their social habits are highly amoeboid . . . rapid division after division after division breaking

away, but in its very doing so thereby adding more and more to the over-all mass of the original. And yet each fragment strives to survive, to retain and maintain some bit of individuality, some essence peculiar only to itself while at the very same time continuing to extend its radial tendencies . . . on and on toward the horizon.

What is it, then, my amoeboid friends, that makes this vitally distinguishing difference, this potently penetrating essence? Can't be the force of mere physical factors alone . . . no, it's more, much more than that.

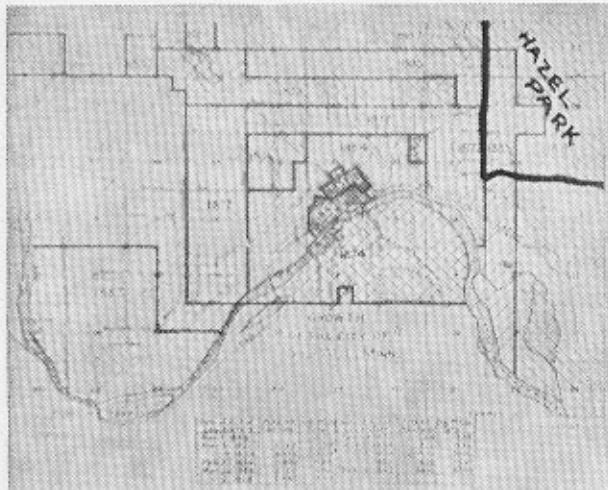
Let's flutter a few pages of the past, and catch a glimpse here and there of some of these early "alchemists" at work in their "laboratory,"— Hazel Park.

The name itself has never been really official, but has been used to designate the area bounded by East Avenue, Phalen and Larpenteur Avenues and the Hudson Road.

Early settlers, who could afford it, bought large tracts of ground on which to live somewhat after the manner of country squires; others utilized the land for general farming and market gardening. Another group who lived out here, but worked in the city, bought smaller properties from which to supply themselves with fresh fruits, vegetables, poultry, eggs, milk, cream and butter,— along with flowers and fresh air.

Within the former group were newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ames. One day as Mrs. Ames was driving along the Territorial Road running to Stillwater (the road now Ames Ave.) and becoming better acquainted with these new surroundings in which she was soon to live, her attention was caught by children's bright clothing in pastures nearby. She watched the many happy youngsters as they laughed and shouted and darted busily among the bushes to gather hazel nuts. She drove on; but the simple, pleasant scene stayed with her and she decided to call her new home "Hazel Park." Gradually, from that beginning, the whole general area became so known. That home still stands out there today on the avenue named for those young newlyweds.

Many people notice the large trees on either side of  
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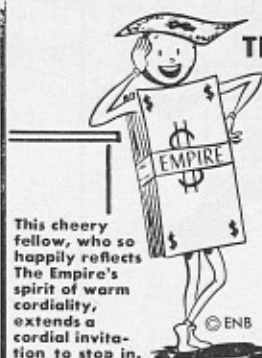
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Whether you are at Hayden Heights or the Main Library my two friends work just the same— only, of course, just the books at the branch libraries are catalogued there.

Now Call Slip is always within easy sight in any library. But let me show you where Catalogue Card lives.



There he is down there in all those file cases—TWO catalogue cards for every book. Why two? Let me show you.

Now let's pretend—

You've got to read chapter five of a book called "Fire in the Ashes" by Theodore Harold White. So— We pick up Call Slip where he is waiting for us on top of the Catalogue file cases and hunt.

Each little drawer has a card with a number on it and what you can find on the first card in the drawer and on the last card. You can see how they are in the picture across the page.

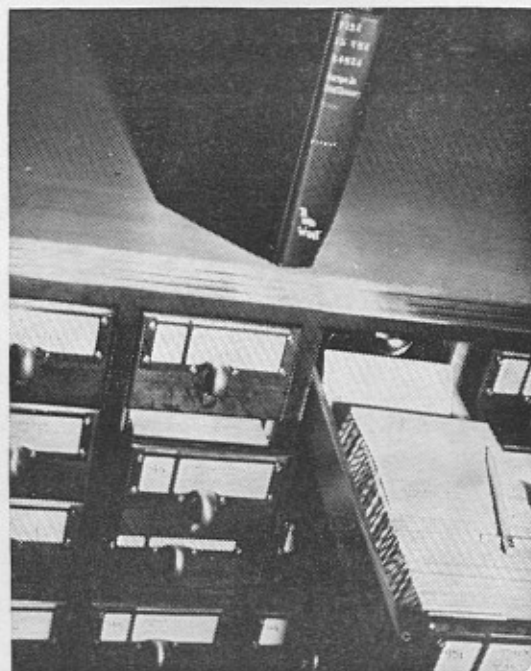
You know the name of the book, "Fire in the Ashes"— so you hunt for the drawer that would hold a card beginning with "Fire." Easy isn't it?

But maybe you don't know the name of the book. You just know the author, Theodore Harold White. Now you look for a drawer in the "W's"— Then we look through the cards until we find, "White, Theodore Harold."

That's why there are TWO cards. You can find it if you know its name or author.

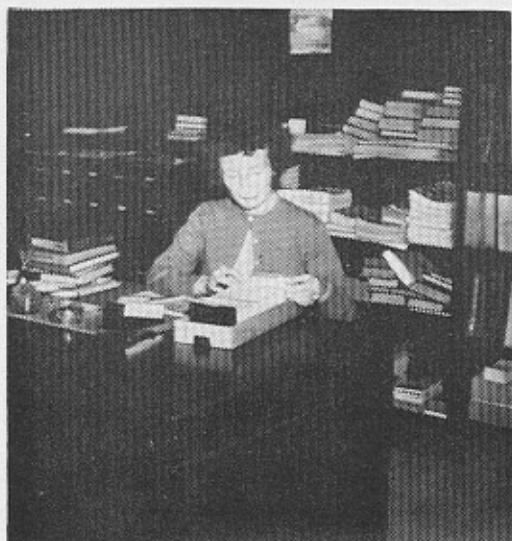
Now you take Call Slip and write down the things it asks for.

Don't forget the NUMBERS on the left hand corner—D 1051 and W 58 F. I'll show you why on the next page.



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Now . . .

## Where Is It Hiding?

Now look around and see the books—

A hundred books

A thousand books—

I think the whole half million books

Must all be

Playing hide-and-seek

With me.

But where! Oh, Where! Can MY BOOK be?

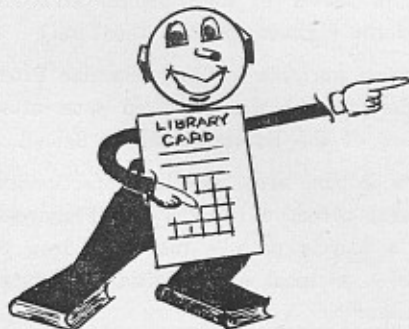
I'll never, never find it.

But you WILL find your book— and quickly too. You've got me to help you. You've got Catalogue Card to help you. You've got Call Slip (all filled out on every line) to help you—. And now you've got another old friend to help you. Here is Miss Geheren, who was our Librarian at the Hayden Heights School, waiting for us at the Reader's Aid Desk.

So we take Call Slip and give it to Miss Geheren (or whoever is at the Readers' Aid Desk.) She doesn't look confused at all. She calls for a page— these pages are girls and boys who work in the library— and gives him Call Slip.

The page looks at the numbers you carefully copied— D 1051 and W 58 F— and goes to the elevator because there are far too many books

to be on the main floor. Up the elevator goes— and when it stops, the floor is crowded with high shelves of books called "stacks." And there— right in the middle of one of those huge stacks, he found it.



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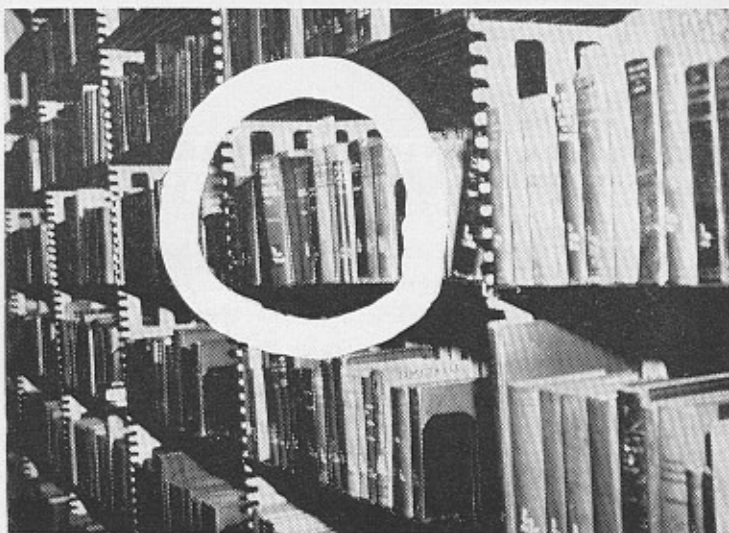
Yes, now that you have learned to use my friends, the Call Slip and the Catalogue Cases, you have easily available the whole half a million books in the St. Paul Library system. Whether you know only the name of the book or the name of the author, you can get the book you want— or you can find all the other books by the same author.

See— here is the way it works. This is what you find on the Catalogue Card if you know the author.

D 1051	Fire in the Ashes
W 58 F	White, Theodore Harold

And if you know the book title, it will look like this

D 1051	FIRE IN THE ASHES
W 58 F	White, Theodore Harold



White Bear Ave. They were planted by Mr. Ames. In those days most of the roads were on private property and were maintained by the owners. In fact, the first depot of the first public transportation out here was located on Ames property at the junction of what is now Ames and Stillwater Avenues.

(Yes, that now vacant right-of-way from which the street-car rails have been so recently removed, used to be the road-bed of a steam railway . . . chugging out to North St. Paul. About 1895 it was electrified and later made a line to Stillwater. Some of the older residents with whom I talked can remember these, and many other changes. Furness St., which for a ways runs parallel to this old right-of-way, was named for Marian R. Furness, daughter of Governor Alexander Ramsey, who owned a large tract of ground along the railroad.)

In the category of general farming and market gardening were the families of Mesikomer, Perkins and Germann. Around 1870 they settled out here. Some of their descendants still reside in the territory and are among its most loyal boosters. (By the way, 'twas said that Grandma Perkins was a great-grandchild of Queen Victoria of England.)

So the pastoral picture gradually continued to grow through the years 'til 1900 the first decade of a new century.



**"S" LAKE LOCATED ON MESIKOMER FARM—NEAR OUR HAYDEN HEIGHTS WATER TOWER TODAY.**

Along about 1913, however, a real building boom hit the area. Dozens of new homes were built. These people, like the earlier pioneers, were the type who wanted to own their own homes, raise families and "put down roots."

With each influx of settlers, (and the picture turned constantly more urban) came, also, an increase of community problems. Schools and churches and stores and small businesses were needed along with more adequate

municipal services and utilities . . . streets and sewers, water, lights, police and fire protection.

But these people were all willing to work community-wise to better their situation. And they did. They dreamed; they worked. They banded together to get things done.



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The first church was built at the corner of the present White Bear and Maryland Streets. (Later moved to Case St. and White Bear Ave. where it is now used as a club-room by Hazel Park Lodge of A.F. & A.M.)

Hazel Park's first industry was the Walter A. Woods Harvester plant which later became International Harvester Company's twine plant. For years, this furnished employment to many residents.

Even with the earliest pioneers, adequate educational facilities were a paramount issue. Sheridan School was built in 1891 (at White Bear and East Third); and followed by a second one the Ames School) in 1916 on a site donated by the Ames family.

Hayden Heights School came along in 1923. It was built on land given by the Luce Land and Development Company who had platted considerable property there and named it in honor of an American geologist, —a Mr. Hayden, a seeker of high places. (Hayden Heights is one of the highest spots in the City.)

In 1924 a group of portable buildings became Prosperity Heights School; and was followed soon after by the construction of the Eastern Heights School.

The first store in the area was a confectionery, —(at the northwest corner of E. 7th and Flandreau Sts.) It fronted a bicycle path,— the main drag to White Bear Lake!— so most of its initial patronage came from bicyclers.

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# ***Congratulations***

For the past sixteen years we have watched with interest the Hayden Heights area and have observed the enthusiasm of the library group.

We have printed all of the issues of the Hayden Heights Library News during its existence from 1939-41. When we were called upon to print this souvenir book we were happy to find many of the same persons we had worked with before still active in the organization.

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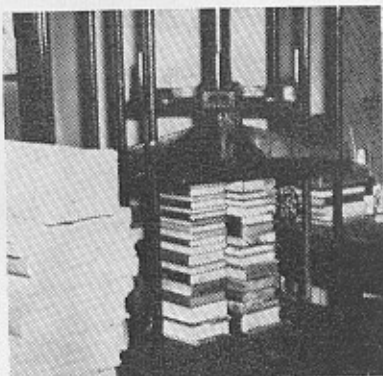
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Just think of it. In only one year, around 25,000 books go into this repair shop and come out ready to work again. About 1,000 more are so bad that they are sent to a commercial bindery for repairs. That's a lot of books, 26,000.

But— it still isn't as many as the Library bought last year to keep us right up to date on the latest literature, the most up-to-date thinking of our scientists, the very latest in text books and encyclopedias. During the year, 1954, the Library added 33,778 volumes to the over 500,000 already on its shelves. Right now from here at the Hayden Heights Branch you can get any one of 560,000 books in the system— except for those in special collections or those restricted for use inside the Library by people doing special research.

Even, so, there are less books than we would like to have. Although \$8,000 was spent from the Bond Issue in 1954 for the Hayden Heights collection, rising prices have cut sharply into

the number that would buy.

Publishers report that today the average fiction retails at \$3.50 as against \$2.58 in 1941; biography, \$4.40 as against \$3.30; and history \$5.56, substantially higher than \$3.89.

Under the circumstances, the 33,778 volumes added to the Library last year meant a very expensive addition.

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### BUYING NEW BOOKS

Now who picked out the 33,778 books bought last year. How was that done?

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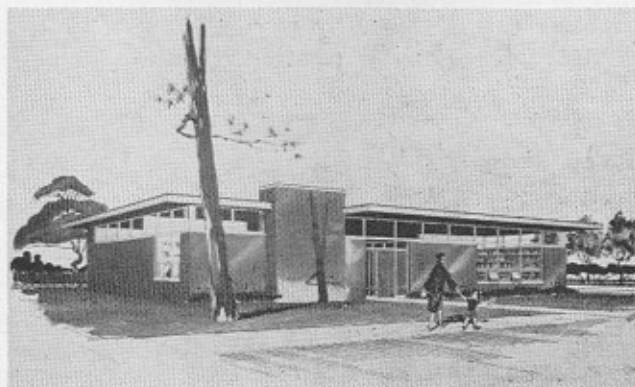
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And now... the Hayden Heights Branch Library fits itself into the pattern of progress laid down by a group of residents who are determined that their neighborhood shall be the city's finest.

City officials offer sincere congratulations to citizens of Saint Paul's Hayden Heights district on the occasion of the opening of their Branch Library.

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the Board Room of the Main Library— including the librarian from the Hayden Heights Branch now— to decide on which books to buy. Miss Jones, the Librarian, is at the head of a long table well covered with books sent in for approval and mimeographed book lists of from two to twenty pages. To the right and left are the heads of divisions, supervisors of special collections, and the Head Book Buyer.

Titles are taken up by classes and reviewed by the specialist on the subject. Each branch librarian knows how much money is allotted to her branch— and she also knows quite well what the people in her district like. Out of about 250 titles reviewed at each semi-monthly meeting, our librarians, with the aid and approval of the Board, selects those books she believes will be most needed here.

## Children Are Special To Us

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No place knows better than Hayden Heights just how important books are to children and adolescents. The Library Group which is preparing this book was formed to help combat a local growing juvenile delinquency with books. The effort was successful— and ever since then, our interest in books for grade school and high school children is very great. Everything will be done that is possible to foster their interest in books— even as it is in the main library where the Children's Room (shown



above) is a source of interest and excitement for hundreds of children. Here they can come to a room of their own, full to brimming with just the kind of books they would like— and apart from the adult rooms enough so that they do not disturb anyone. While it is impossible to have a large room like this at Hayden Heights Branch, every book in it is available to your children through this branch.

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When the Belt Line Sewer bond issue was put through it made possible the building of many more homes.

Hazel Park Playground was purchased with funds raised by the City through the sale of Mississippi River levy-property to industry.

The bridge was built over the railroad track on White Bear Ave., and the street improved and paved.

No. 24 Fire Station was finally built after a strong campaign by the Club.

Insistence and persistence got improvement of Johnson Parkway included in one of the City's bond issues . . . in spite of remarks by civic leaders outside this community that Johnson Parkway would always be just a "cow-path!" (Some cow-path today!)

So it grew and prospered; so the people worked for betterments they wanted; so they experienced fun and heartache, disappointments, success and failure,—cycles of good, normal living.

As solid blocks of homes replaced the open fields, and population figures mounted into the thousands, more fragmentation resulted. Other civic groups were formed to take care of problems in their immediate vicinities. But the spirit of the initial group always pervaded the newer ones, and today finds members of all of them working with the same sort of dedicated zeal.

If 2000 years from now I could fly down (or walk up!) from wherever my eternal abode may be, I'm sure to find the same amoeboid process of division going on . . . the same efforts being expended for still better betterment . . . rural fragments being enveloped by urban . . . and pioneer "alchemists" still seeking the soil.

What of the "laboratory" of the original pioneer "alchemists?" It has been split up and each of us has a part of it in our own backyard. And we are pioneers and "alchemists," too—no one can measure our "gold," nor its richness. How can one weigh the therapeutic value of contact with the soil, . . . of planting and tending and harvesting of food and flower?

And what of those brightly clad nut-gatherers noticed by Mrs. Ames? . . . They, like she, are now a part of history . . . But it is pleasant to think that each of us might have had an ancestor in that group, who, even then, were working and playing together . . . all unknowingly inspiring the name and spirit, creating the essence of HAZEL PARK.



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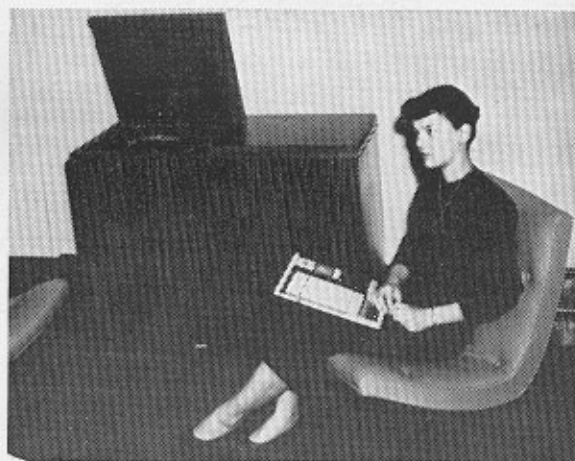
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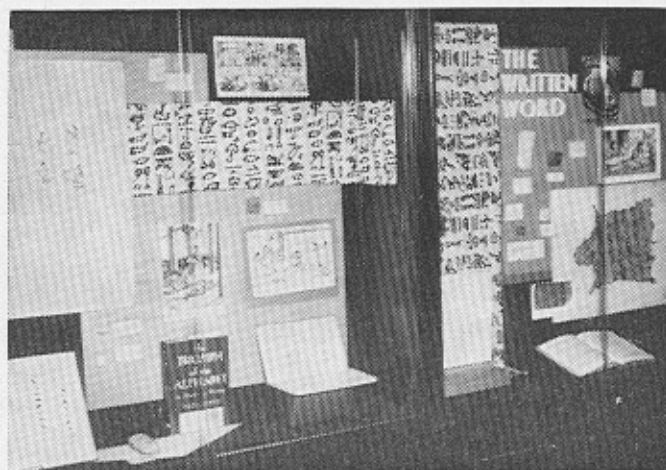
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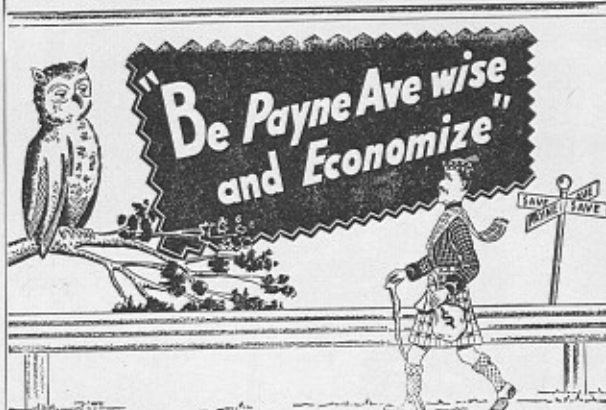
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The Hayden Heights Library Group, Incorporated, is a voluntary organization of individuals interested in the growth and development of library facilities for their area. Spurred by the beginnings of a delinquency problem in the Hayden Heights School area in 1939 the principal of that school, Miss Jennie U. Johnson, to whom this booklet is dedicated, drew together a small group of people active in local civic and church organizations to help combat it. Agreeing that much of this juvenile restlessness might be stopped if interesting books were available locally, this group became the Hayden Heights Library Group. Work started immediately to get some kind of a library in Hayden Heights.

Canvassing personally individuals and other organizations, a small supply of children's books was accumulated. A small, windowless, cloak room was found in the portable school—and Hayden Heights had a library (of sorts) and a Library Group will to work unflaggingly for an ideal.

A paper, "Your Library News," unique in the whole United States, was published, devoting all its advertising proceeds to buying books for the tiny library. This paper was so unusual that copies were requested by the Library of Congress in Washington. The paper was distributed personally to each house in the entire locality by the members of the Group, the publication focused attention on the need for a library and the

work that was being done to get one.

Dances and card parties sponsored by the Group became a neighborhood event as each resident was contacted by a member of the Group in a house to house canvass. The amount of time and work expended was amazing, the cooperation of the residents tremendous, but it resulted in a one room branch library being built into the new Hayden Heights School addition when that was built in 1940.

Of this the Woman's Home Companion said, "After this library opened in Hayden Heights, St. Paul, Minnesota, the juvenile court was almost put out of business."

A triumph, yes. But the Group did not rest. The card parties and dances and shows patronized so well by their cooperative neighbors went on—the check for one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars per year went into books for the local library to supplement the allocations made by the St. Paul Library System.

In 1953 the growing pressure of population in the area forced the library branch out of the school. Once more that Library Group went into action. Today, we have the new Hayden Heights Branch Library for Hayden Heights, Prosperity Heights—all of Hazel Park.

The Group will continue to work and work and work with the residents of the community for the growth and development of their area's library facilities.

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